

**TOWN OF EASTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WI**

**SPECIAL MEETING – BID OPENING**

Town of Easton Municipal Center

169612 County Road Z

Ringle, WI 54471

**MINUTES**

**Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**

**1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Beck**

Chairman Dean Beck called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Board members present were Chairman Dean Beck, Supervisor Mark Pingel, and Supervisor Susan Kurth. Also present were Clerk Sherry Weinkauff and Treasurer Melanie Neuendank (by phone).

**3. Open and read sealed bids received for the Highpoint Road from County Road Z toward Junction Road Project**

Chairman Beck opened and read the following two sealed bids:

RC Pavers, LLC – \$209,057.28

American Asphalt of Wisconsin – \$178,001.90

**4. Adjourn**

Chairman Beck declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

*Minutes prepared by Clerk Sherry Weinkauff.*

**TOWN OF EASTON  
MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 14, 2026**

**1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Beck**

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Chairman Dean Beck, Supervisors Susan Kurth and Mark Pingel.

Also present: Clerk Sherry Weinkauf. Treasurer Melanie Neuendank attended by phone.

**3. Approval of August 10, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, August 19, 2026, Bid Opening Minutes, August 19, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes and August 24, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes**

**Motion by Kurth, second by Pingel, to approve the August meeting minutes as listed.  
Motion carried.**

**4. Public Comments**

No public comments.

**5. New Business**

**a. Discussion and possible action on the Highpoint Road bid from County Road Z toward Junction Road.**

The Board reviewed the bids received for the approximately one-mile paving project and discussed the anticipated project timeline. Discussion was also held regarding engineering certification requirements for paving projects. It was clarified that the certification requirement discussed was associated with grant-funded projects such as LRIP. **Motion by Pingel, second by Kurth, to accept the American Asphalt bid for \$178,001.90. Motion carried.**

**b. Update on the installation of generators**

Chairman Beck reported that confirmation is still needed that the existing LP gas regulator has sufficient capacity to supply both the building and the generators. Discussion was held regarding completing the generator installation. Chairman Beck will follow up with the appropriate parties and provide an update to the Board.

**c. 2027 Marathon County Responsible Units of Recycling, Cooperative Waste Reduction, Reuse and Recycling Education Program Agreement**

The Clerk reviewed the 2027 agreement with Marathon County and noted that participation provides additional recycling grant funding and supports recycling education efforts. **Motion by Kurth, second by Pingel, to approve the 2027 Marathon County Responsible Units of Recycling Agreement. Motion carried.**

**d. Application from Travis Prah for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a warehousing/distribution facility at 174721 State Highway 52, Aniwa, WI 54408**

The Board reviewed the Conditional Use Permit application and Marathon County's request for a Town recommendation. Discussion was held regarding the proposed operation, oil storage, and fire inspection requirements. The applicant stated that the facility is not open to the public and is used for his warehousing/distribution business. **Motion by Pingel, second by Kurth, to approve the Conditional Use Permit application for Travis Prah. Motion carried.**

**e. Presentation of bills for approval**

The Board reviewed the bills. Discussion was held regarding a correction needed to a vendor check and a credit received from Harter's for previously charged additional pickup fees. **Motion by Kurth, second by Beck, to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.**

**6. Reports**

**a. Treasurer**

Treasurer Neuendank reviewed current account balances and outstanding financial items. She reported that quarterly loan payments will be made in September and discussed remaining 2026 budget items, including generator hookups, crack sealing, and increased garbage collection costs. The Town also discussed financing for the road project and grader.

**Discussion on 2027 Budget and Budget Hearing Date – November 23, 2026**

Discussion began on the 2027 budget. Items discussed included road maintenance and paving, Town building and garage roof repairs, the Municipal Center heating system, and other building improvements. Treasurer Neuendank requested preliminary cost estimates for larger projects prior to the October meeting so they can be incorporated into the proposed budget. The Budget Hearing was scheduled for November 23, 2026.

**b. Fire Department**

Fire Chief Merriam reported that the Fire Department submitted its EMS grant application. A portion of the grant funding will be used for training, including plans to certify a department member as a CPR instructor and purchase updated EMS training equipment. The Fire Department fundraiser is scheduled for October 3, 2026, and raffle tickets were reported as sold out. Pump, ladder, and hose testing were scheduled for later in the week.

**c. Clerk**

Clerk Weinkauff reported preparations are underway for the November election, with requests on file for absentee ballots to be mailed by September 17. The new ballot drop box has been installed and information regarding its availability will be provided to voters. The Clerk and Treasurer will participate in upcoming Wisconsin Towns Association training, including training on the levy limit worksheet. The Clerk and Chief Inspector will also attend election security training in October.

**d. Public Works**

Public Works employee Rob Weinkauff reviewed his report and noted that the Junction Road culvert was 48 inches rather than 36 inches as previously listed. Discussion was held regarding replacement signage for the Fire Department/Municipal Center. Chairman Beck reported that the Junction Road culvert project costs had been submitted for the 50/50 cost-share program. Rob

also reported that work had been completed at the fire pond, including placement of rock and construction of a spillway, and that the pond was filling as expected.

## **7. Remarks from Supervisors**

Supervisor Pingel commented favorably on the work completed by Meverden.

## **8. Remarks from Chairman**

### **a. Road projects update**

Chairman Beck reported that the newly approved paving project was expected to be completed yet this month. Crack sealing was expected to be completed within approximately 30 days.

### **b. Wind and Solar update**

Chairman Beck provided an update on wind and solar projects being discussed in Marathon County. He reported that there has been no recent information regarding the previously proposed solar project in the Town of Easton. Discussion was also held regarding Marathon County's consideration of how to address large wind and solar projects, including developer agreements and potential impacts to town roads and rights-of-way.

### **c. Snowstorm disaster fund update**

Chairman Beck reported that the Town received \$11,615.23 in disaster funding, representing 70% of the eligible costs submitted for the March snowstorm.

### **d. Marathon County ordinance for Winter spreading of animal waste update**

Chairman Beck reported that Marathon County is moving forward with portions of its winter spreading regulations. Discussion included permit requirements for larger farms, definitions of liquid and solid manure, proposed wetland buffer requirements, and nutrient management plans.

## **9. Additional Public Comments**

No additional public comments.

## **10. Adjourn**

**Motion by Pingel, second by Kurth, to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried.**

Prepared by: Sherry Weinkauff, Clerk